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Dear George:

The attached is the follow-up to our discussion with Doug Heck the other day.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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Dear George:

In your capacity as a member of the President's Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism, I wish to inform you that I have appointed Ambassador L. Douglas Heck Director of the newly structured office to combat terrorism in the Department of State. Ambassador Heck will carry the equivalent rank of Assistant Secretary of State and will continue to serve as Coordinator of the Cabinet Committee Working Group on Terrorism. This new office (M/CT) replaces the office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Coordinator to Combat Terrorism (S/CCT). I am confident that this arrangement will provide an effective link between the policy and operational aspects of our continuing efforts in combatting terrorism.

I believe the urgency and magnitude of the international terrorism problem require a strengthening of our interdepartmental machinery designed to deal with this threat. Consequently, I have asked Deputy Under Secretary for Management Eagleburger and Ambassador Heck to call on you or your Department to explore ways in which the management and coordination of our overall effort to deal with acts of international and potential domestic terrorism can be improved.

Under these circumstances I believe it would be to our mutual advantage if you would designate a senior officer from your staff to work directly with Ambassador Heck on a continuing basis so that we might come to grips more fully with this problem.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable
George Bush, Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.